

Of Interest to Women

PICTURESQUE FROCKS

Models for Little Girls Show Influence of the Past.

Some of the frocks for little girls that have lately arrived from Paris are surprisingly quaint and charming, and look like those provided for their mothers, look as if they had been taken from some old picture. It is one of the latest whims of society of fashion to dress its small daughters in copies of historical costumes, and one famous dressmaker who makes a specialty of little girls' frocks has produced some models that possess an individuality one does not often see even in mature attire.

A general revival of the stiff, formal long-skirted gowns worn by children of the

two hundred friends assembled at the settlement house, No. 33 St. Mark's Place, in the evening to congratulate her on the remarkable success of her work among the poorest of the East Side dwellers. Mr. Royston, president of the board of directors; Mr. Morgan, Mr. Torrey, the Rev. Dr. Henry and others made congratulatory speeches and there were songs by some of the visitors. Miss Curry received many attractive gifts and an abundance of lovely cut flowers and growing plants.

Miss Curry began the work with little capital but her faith. She saw the need of a day nursery, as the babies were left in the care of older children while the mothers were away from home working, and consequently the little ones were often neglected. She expressed a desire to start a nursery, in however small a way, and Mrs. Clarence Townsend, the T. S. S. president, gave her the first \$10 to pay the rent of two small rooms. Some odds and ends of furniture, one or two cribs and cradles were contributed, and thus in a humble way

pathetic appeals for help are daily occurring.

Requests.

The following request comes from a special service worker who has become interested in an unfortunate and crippled young man. Since leaving the hospital he is selling papers, but being unable to stand all the time on his crutches he sits on the cold curb, which the doctor says will produce rheumatism. She writes:

Can any one of your kind readers help to find a second-hand artificial right leg for a man who is unable to buy one? This right leg was amputated six months ago.

His height is 5 feet 4 inches, length of left foot, 10 inches. If a leg can be found or if further particulars are desired kindly address

MISS ANNA E. ROELKER,
No. 40 West 39th street, New York.

Miss E. Stone, of No. 337th street, Buffalo, a "shut-in" member, would be glad of orders for hand-painted bookmarks on satin ribbon, 20 cents each. These are especially suitable for Easter greetings. Miss Stone would also be pleased if her Sunshines friends would remember her birthday on April 11.

Some underware, white shirts and shoes are urgently needed by a boy of fifteen years, who is trying to support a widowed mother. His weekly wages are only \$1, and it seems impossible to buy clothing.

Some unfinished fancy work is requested for a member at Clifton Springs, and any extra wool will be appreciated by several "shut-ins," who like to make Sunshines articles to pass on to others. A wrapper or kimono is needed immediately for a member recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Richard Mitchell Bent, No. 61 West 56th street, would like to recommend a refined Christian American woman of middle age, of unimpeachable character, fine education, speaking French, German, Italian and English, as a travelling companion, social secretary, chaperone for children or young women, companion for an invalid or elderly woman or any position of trust in a home or office.

A request has come for letters and post-cards to be sent to Mrs. Besse H. Dean, St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, who is recovering from an operation.

Personals.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley, of the Golden Rule Circle, who has been far well with all winter, has gone to Hot Springs, Va.; Mrs. Euel S. Darling, of the Friendly Aid branch, is recuperating at Old Point Comfort from a grip cold; Mrs. William Snow, a Boston member, is visiting Mrs. M. Reid, president of No. 3 branch, Manhattan; Mrs. E. H. Hudson, a helpful member in Florida, has recently spent a week at St. Petersburg, where she made a visit to the emergency hospital. She expresses herself as much pleased with the work done there. Mrs. Marie de Comps, president of the Immaculate branch of Brooklyn, has suffered for years with severe headaches, caused by an injury to the bone of the nose. One difficult operation has been successfully performed and another is contemplated as soon as her health permits, and it is expected that a complete cure will be effected. Mrs. de Comps writes that a deeper devotion than ever to Sunshine will be her thank offering for her release from intense suffering.

Hard Luck.

A worthy woman and a working Sunshiner on the East Side has had bad luck for several years, but at the present time there seems to be an accumulation of troubles. From an old injury an abscess has now formed on her ankle, and she must go to the doctor twice a week for dressings. Last week her husband, who drives a truck when he is able, was thrown violently to the street, striking his head and back. In caring for him during his delirium her right wrist was strained, so now both are unable to work. Some temporary help is needed and will be well bestowed, as ordinarily the hard work of the wife supports the little home even when the husband is not able to work. Her last kidney trouble.

Contributions.

Three boxes of sunshine have come from Mrs. L. von Etz, of Manhattan. They were filled with excellent clothing for girls, shoes, books and magazines; pictures for children came from John Krell; cards from Miss Stone, an invalid wrap from an old member; silk book marks from Mrs. Alice Brown, of Laconia, N. H.; clothing from E. C. F., and Easter cards and booklets from Gertrude Moses, of Peekskill, N. Y.

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Sunshine Sale.

The members of the Manhattan branch No. 10 will hold a sunshine sale on Saturday, April 1, at the settlement house of the Little Mothers' Aid Association, No. 236 Second Avenue. Any contributions from other branches or individual members will be gratefully received and may be sent to the general office. This branch desires to make as much money as possible, as past would not be conducive to the happiness of the little folk, but kindly they are not likely to be asked to wear anything of the kind except on rare occasions. There are many little dresses that bear marks of the historical influence and are at the same time entirely practical. The points that attract attention are mainly the short waists cut with short kimono sleeves, a daintiness in the decorations that replaces the former frilly style, and a tendency to the same slender silhouette affected in the same dress.

Even the tiniest girls will be happy in combination with a high waist and a pretty front panel.

A delightful Parisian dress for a four-year-old seen in a shop down Broadway might have been worn by any smart woman of to-day if it had only been bigger. It was made of white crepe de chine laid in side pleats from neck to hem and confined by a high circle of silk in a soft blue shade. This girlie was no carelessly tied babyish affair, but was carefully arranged in many folds and caught at the side with a bow and silk-covered buckles. Still another touch of dignity was given by trimmings of printed silk and white silk rat-tail, which were used plentifully about the neck and on the sleeves.

EASTER CARDS.

A special place is made for Easter cards or any other greetings for the "shut-ins," the old people and children. These should be sent as early as possible to the general office for distribution.

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